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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Geoffrey B. Rhoads

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STEGANOGRAPHICALLY-ENCODED
AUTHENTICATION DATA

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action mailed May 8, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-17 and 26-32 without prejudice.

Amend claims to read as follows:

22. (Amended) A method of producing a photo identification document, the document being characterized by steganographic encoding representing multi-bit data, said multi-bit data being computer-discernable from analysis of visible light scan data, but the existence of said encoded data not being evident to human observers of the document, the steganographic encoding including: providing the multi-bit data and at least one noise signal to a computing device;

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